Denigration of scientists by NDDB

2605. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to denigration of scientists of International fame by Rsident Representatives of NDDB as appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 23rd September, 1988 and whether these represent Government views; and

(b) if not, what action is proposed to be taken against those responsible for denigration of two nobel laureates and Akors in Absentia?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Government's attention has been drawn to the letter written to the Editor, Hindustan Times, dated 23rd September, 1988 by the Resident Representative of National Dairy Development Board, New Delhi. The letter embodies a narration of the facts of the case including judicial pronouncements on scientific opinion on the subject and does not constitute any denigration of reputed scientists.

(b) Does not arise.

Additional projects for Urea and Ammonia

2606. SHRI M A BABY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up additional projects of Ammonia and Urea based on the naphtha and D.A.P. at Ambalamedu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and the progress made in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) M|s. Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited have to prepare a Detailed Project Report for 900 tpd ammonia plant by way of replacement of the existing old ammonia plants at Udyogamandal and submit to the Government for consideration. There is no proposal in respect of a D.A.P. project at Ambalamedu with the Govt. at present.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Production of Lac

2607. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise production of lac and shellac during the last three years; yearwise;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Governments consideration to help the lac growing States to increase the production; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Total statewise production of lac in the country during the last three years is as follows:—

State	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
	(Production in M. Tonnes)		
1	2	3	4
Bihar	10,310	12,355	7,575
Madhya Pradesh	4,965	5,155	5,170

1	2	3	4
West Bengal	2,070	1,800	1,070
Maharashtra	125	105	105
Uttar Pradesh	440	400	420
Other States	265	525	260
	18,175	20,340	14,600

(b) and (c) The Shellac Export Promotion Council and the Directorate of Lac Development provide assistance in the form of development brood lac extension service etc. for increasing lac production. The Directorate of Lac Development is also responsible for implementing the Central Sector Scheme on "lac extension and Package Programme for lac cultivation in Package Blocks and Establishment of Brood lac farm-cum-demonstration centres in various states". The Directorate has also six nucleus Broodlac farm-cum-demonstration centres in various lac producing states.

Contracts for processing of pulses executed by NAFED

2608. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contract for processing of five lac bags of pulses costing over Rs. 20 crores executed by N.A.F.E.D. during the period from 1978 to 1981 with the private millers are under litigation in the High Court;

(b) whether it is a fact that one private miller from Faridabad operated accounts in N.A.F.E.D. under three different registered names viz. M|s. Prem Industries, M|s. Priem Trading Company and M|s. Dharam Trading Company;

(c) whether the private millers were permitted to take away extra recovery quantity of Dal than the stipulated minimum recovery by maintaining fictitious processing record in N.A.F.E.D.; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to appoint a special squad of auditors to investigate the facts of the current disputed cases pending in the High Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The processing work of pulses was undertaken by NAFED through a number of millers during the period from 1978 to 1981. However, in case of one miller viz. M|s. Prem Industries, the matter is under litigation in Delhi High Court. A quantity of 46.207 bags weighing 4472 MTs of Arhar whole was supplied to the miller for processing and the miller failed to give recovery as per the agreement. The NAFED, therefore, filed a Civil Suit for recovery of an amount of Rs. 23,18,958.12.

(b) NAFED had dealt with M|s. Prem Industries, M|s. Priem Trading Company and M|s. Dharam Trading Company during the above period. These three Companies did not operate from Faridabad. NAFED is not aware if there is any inter-relationship between these parties.

(c) The private miller i.e. M|s. Prem Industries was required to give fixed recovery in terms of processed pulses and their by-products as per the agreement. M/s. Prem Industries did not give the required recovery and there was a shortfall in the recovery of Arhar dal as under:—

(i) 75% quality — 167 MTs
(ii) 70% quality — 124 MTs
(iii) 5% quality (Khanda) — 60 MTs